

REMARKSStatus of Claims

Claims 18-25 are pending in the present application and new Claims 26-44 have been added by this amendment. It is submitted that the new claims are supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed and add no new matter.

Amendments to Title

The amendment to the title is intended to better relate to the various embodiments disclosed in the application.

Amendments to Specification

The amendment to the specification at Paragraph 0001 adds the issued Patent Number for the parent application. The amendment at Paragraph 0101 adds text from the Abstract into the specification. It is submitted that these amendments are supported by the application as originally filed and add no new matter.

Response to Office Action

Claims 1-17 have been indicated as rejected for double patenting, but Claims 1-17 had been previously canceled in the preliminary amendment filed March 9, 2004.

Claims 18-25 have been allowed.

New Claims 26-44 include limitations distinguishable from the items of record.

For example, Claim 26 includes the limitation:

a manually actuated switch disposed on the housing, wherein processing of the return signal from one of the scan patterns is disabled while the switch is being actuated.

One example of a data reader according to Claim 26 may generate a scan pattern (of one or more scan lines) and receive return signal from that scan pattern, but the processing of that return signal is disabled while the switch is being actuated.

Conclusion

Therefore it is submitted that Claims 18-44 are allowable  
and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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